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# Office Action Summary

Application No.  
**08/603,446**

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Examiner  
**Christopher Kent**

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**3504**



☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on May 10, 1996

☐ This action is **FINAL**.

☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, **prosecution as to the merits is closed** in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire 3 month(s), or thirty days, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this communication. Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned. (35 U.S.C. § 133). Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

## Disposition of Claims

☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.

Of the above, claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

☒ Claim(s) 1-12, 14, and 15 is/are allowed.

☒ Claim(s) 13 is/are rejected.

☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.

☐ Claims \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction or election requirement.

## Application Papers

☐ See the attached Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.

☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to by the Examiner.

☐ The proposed drawing correction, filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is ☐ approved ☐ disapproved.

☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

## Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

☐ All ☐ Some\* ☐ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been  
☐ received.

☐ received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) \_\_\_\_\_.

☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\*Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

## Attachment(s)

☒ Notice of References Cited, PTO-892

☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). 2

☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413

☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948

☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

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The following office action is in response to patent examination application serial number 08/603,446, filed on 02/20/96.

Acknowledgement is made of the receipt of the Information Disclosure Statement filed 05/10/96.

**REJECTION - 35 U.S.C. 112, SECOND PARAGRAPH**

Claim 13 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. In claim 13, line 1, it appears "a" is missing prior to "stop".

**ALLOWED CLAIMS**

Claims 1-12, 14 and 15 allowable over the prior art of record.

Claim 13, as understood, would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112. This holding is provisional and subject to reconsideration pending the submission of a new claim in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

**REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

The following is an Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance: the prior art of record fails to anticipate or render obvious the claimed window covering support including the combinations of limitations as follows: the hollow ended support rod; the finial having both a decorative portion and a post; and the support sleeves which fit tightly within the support rod and tightly around the support post of the finial with respect to claims 1 and 6; with respect to claim 12, the method of supporting a finial on an end of a support rod including the combination of steps of pressing the support sleeve within the hollow support rod and further pressing the finial support post into the support sleeve.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably **accompany** the Issue Fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

**REFERENCES**

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to Applicant's disclosure. Muehlebach,

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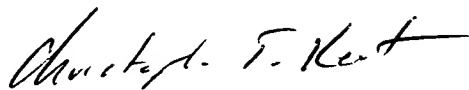
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Evans, and Pruyn teach aspects similar and related to Applicant's disclosure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Christopher Kent at (703) 308-2497.

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